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Census-2027: Enumerators visit door-to-door

At 1.8 percent, voluntary online self-enumeration sees poor response in city

Enumeration which began today will go on till May 15

An enumerator seen collecting the data of a family during the door-to-door visit for population Census-2027 at K.G. Koppal in city this morning.

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (MTY&BS)- Following the conclusion of voluntary self-enumeration on exclusive online portal for Census-2027, that was held between Apr. 1 and Apr. 15, the house-to-house visit of enumerators to update demographic data, began today in the first phase and concludes on May 15.

Amid this, only 1.8 percent of the targeted population in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits, took part in self-enumeration, showing a lukewarm response to the very exercise by the city households.

Meanwhile, it is said that, Mysuru district stands second in the State, in the percentage of population, who have participated in voluntary self-enumeration.

(See CENSUS on page 8)

Bills linked to

Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam tabled in Lok Sabha

Voting for passage of the Bills tomorrow at 4 pm

New Delhi, Apr. 16 (Agencies)- The three-day Special Session of Parliament began with the Union Government tabling The Constitution (One Hundred and Thirty-First Amendment) Bill, 2026, Delimitation Bill, 2026 and Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 in Lok Sabha this morning.

The BJP-led Central Government aims to expedite the implementation of Women Reservation Law — the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam — which reserves 33 percent seats for women in the Lok Sabha and in the State Assemblies. During the voting to introduce all the three Bills, 251 voted in favour while 185 voted against it. The Bills introduced this morning will be put to vote for passing tomorrow (Apr. 17) at 4 pm.

According to the draft Constitution Amendment Bill, Lok Sabha seats will be increased to a maximum of 850 from the existing 543 seats to implement the Women's Reservation Law before the 2029 General Elections.

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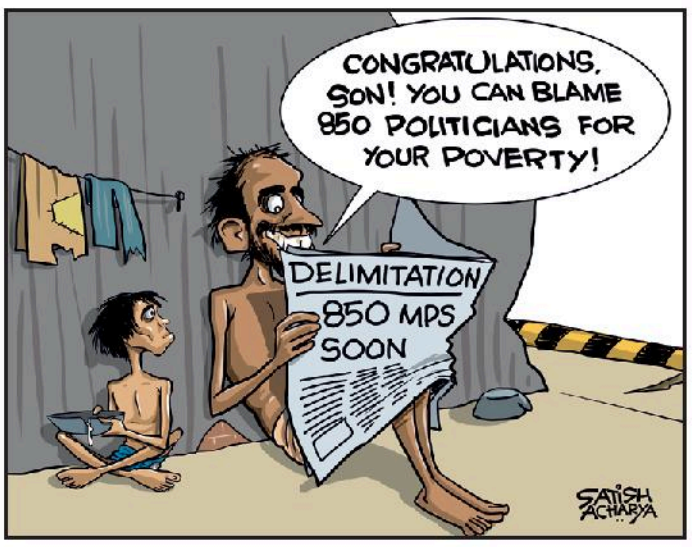
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 16th April 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE AGE OF EMOTIONAL FRAGILITY: *We live in what is probably the most comfortable era our species has known. No famine stalking entire regions, no plagues emptying cities, no wild animals circling the camp at night. In practical terms, the body is safer than it has ever been. And yet something in us seems permanently on edge. A colleague's tone lingers in the mind long after the conversation has ended. A careless remark from a friend quietly ruins the evening. We carry mental hurts the way earlier generations carried physical injuries, sometimes even longer.*

Why does it happen so easily?

Because we are not only bodies. We also carry a certain picture of ourselves, a kind of running story. It is made of many borrowed things: opinions picked up along the way, roles we gradually learned to play, impressions we have tried to maintain in front of others. We call it 'my' reputation, 'my' sensitivity, 'my' way of understanding the world.

So when someone's words brush against one of these fragile constructions, something inside reacts quickly and often intensely. The body is not under attack; what has been touched is only the story. And the story, unlike the body, has no natural mechanism for recovery. The body knows how to heal, the story only knows how to grow.

There is something else worth noticing. The body produces honest physical responses to whatever life brings: a tightening in the chest, a flush of heat, a sudden rush of energy. Left alone, these feelings pass on their own. But we rarely leave them alone. The mind moves in immediately and builds an explanation around them: 'my' hurt, 'my' grievance. What was only a passing sensation slowly becomes part of a biography.

So perhaps the problem is not weakness. Perhaps it is attachment to a story that was always more fragile than we realised.

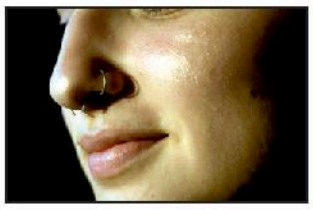
The next time something inside flares up, a simple question might help: What exactly was threatened here? Not asked harshly, just with curiosity. Which part of the story felt it could not survive this moment? Sometimes that question loosens something quietly.

The reaction may still arise, but it does not hold us as tightly. And in that small loosening, it is not just the hurt that eases, but the story too.

— Acharya Prashant in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Nose ring stuck in woman's lungs



Mexico City: A 26-year-old woman was shocked to discover that the cough she had been suffering was caused by a nose ring stuck in her lungs.

Monica Deyanira Cabrera Barajas had developed cough for about a month and decided to see a doctor. She expected the X-ray to reveal a problem, but what she definitely didn't expect to see was her nose piercing. In a video, Deyanira said that she didn't even notice that her piercing was missing and she certainly never for a second thought she had inhaled it by mistake.

Doctors who performed a surgical procedure told her that she was extremely lucky to be alive. If the metal piercing had punctured her lung or her largest blood vessel, she likely would have died due to a collapsed lung or a perforated aorta.

Drug that slows down ageing in dogs

New York: Companies around the world have been investing billions in anti-ageing solutions in the hopes of coming up with a scientific or technological equivalent to the mythical fountain of youth.

This week, biotech company Loyal announced that its anti-ageing drug for dogs has cleared a significant regulatory hurdle, making it the first potential longevity treatment approved for any species.

Known as LOY-002, this drug comes in the form of a tablet and is designed for senior dogs over the age of 10 and weighing at least 14 pounds.

It targets 'IGF-1,' a hormone involved in metabolism and growth in dogs. Insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) helps dogs grow, but high levels after they become adults are identified as a major culprit in accelerating cellular aging.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Hydration Supports Liver Health: Adequate fluid intake helps maintain metabolic balance. Include water, buttermilk, and natural fluids to support liver function.

By Dr. Satheesh Rao A.K., *Senior Consultant Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals Mysuru.*

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Extension of special train services to ease rush

Mysuru, Apr. 16- In view of the passenger rush during the summer season, South Central Railway has decided to extend the services of the following special trains:

Train No. 07033 Kakinada Town-Mysuru Bi-weekly Special, which was earlier notified to run up to 13.4.2026, has now been extended to operate two additional trips on 17.4.2026 and 20.4.2026. In the return direction, Train No. 07034 Mysuru-Kakinada Town Special, earlier scheduled up to 14.4.2026, will also run two additional trips on 18.4.2026 and 21.4.2026.

Similarly, Train No. 07043 Hyderabad-Belagavi Weekly Special, earlier notified to run up to 16.4.2026, has been extended for one additional trip on 23.4.2026. Correspondingly, Train No. 07044 Belagavi-Hyderabad Special, earlier scheduled up to 17.4.2026, will run one additional trip on 24.4.2026, according to a press release from Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway, Hubballi.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **100.96 feet**	Today's level **2,261.08 feet**	Today's level **2,829.67 feet**
Last year's level **101.35 feet**	Last year's level **2,266.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,832.46 feet**
Yesterday's level **102.85 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,261.35 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.69 feet**
Today's Inflow **74 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **88 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **222 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,033 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Glacier Express (Switzerland): Known as the "slowest express train," connecting Zermatt and St. Moritz over 291 bridges and 91 tunnels.***
- ***Mauritania Railway (Mauritania): One of the longest/heaviest trains (over 2km), taking passengers across the Sahara atop iron ore cars.***
- ***Shinkansen Bullet Train (Japan): Famous for being the world's first high-speed rail and maintaining extreme punctuality.***
- ***Venice Simplon-Orient-Express (Europe): A luxurious, restored 1920s Art Deco train offering fine dining and old-world charm, featured on Belmond.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

1st child: *Why do we pray "give us this day our daily bread?" Why not ask for a week or a month and be done with?*

2nd child: *Silly, so that it may be a fresh supply!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 93.27
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 126.66
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 110.17

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TOTAL:591

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EBAS-97.50%

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EBAS-97.33%

R MEHEK JAIN
EBAS-97.33%

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BASBM-97.17%

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EBAS-97.17%

GUNA SHREYA M
EBAS-97.00%

RAJVEER V
BASBM-96.50%

ABHEEKSHA B J
EBAS-96.17%

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BASBM-95.00%

NUTHANA E
BASBM-94.67%

JHANVI JAIN
EBAS-94.17%

MANNATH JAIN
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YASHVANT
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STATS:100

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SANS:100, BM:100

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NEWS BRIEFS

Admissions open

Yuvaraja's College has invited applications from aspiring students for admission to B.Sc, BCA and BBA courses (2026-27). Applications are available at the college and online ***ycm.uni-mysore.ac.in***. Last date to submit the filled-in application, along with a copy of SSLC marks card, II PUC marks card, caste and income certificate, is Apr. 24. Admissions will commence from Apr. 27 based on merit and reservation basis.

Story-telling

Fathima

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-928,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling session by Fathima, Block Inclusive Education Resource Teacher, BEO & BRC Office, North Zone, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, on Apr. 18 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Mysiri-2026

Mysiri-2026, the annual day of Mysore College of Engineering and Management, will be held on Apr. 17 and 18. Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, VC, JSS AHER, will be the chief guest during inauguration on Apr. 17 at 10 am. Actor Ragini Dwivedi will be the chief guest at valedictory on Apr. 18 at 7 pm.

Ayurveda camp

Government Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital on New Sayyaji Rao Road in Mysuru will be holding a free health camp to treat kidney stones from Apr. 15 to 31 between 10 am and 4 pm (on working days). For details, contact Mob: 94494-12309.

Man found murdered

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (MK&KS)- An unidentified man was found murdered near Tavarekatte under Nazarbad Police limits on yesterday morning, with his head smashed using a boulder.

Passersby spotted the body and alerted the Police. Sub-Inspector Nataraj and his team rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem.

Police suspect the murder may have taken place on Tuesday night and are trying to establish the identity of the deceased. A case has been registered and further investigation is on.

Amid row over Railway Underpass...

No hint of DPR

for Kukkarahalli Lake conservation

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (PM&BS)- As the proposal to build a Railway Underpass at the Railway Level Crossing near Crawford Hall and Kukkarahalli Lake junction on Bogadi Road in city has triggered a row, with 80 trees marked for felling, an agreement entered between the then Mysuru Urban Development Authority [MUDA, now Mysuru Development Authority (MDA)] and Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the conservation and development of Kukkarahalli Lake, way back in the year 2013, smacks of yet another controversy.

According to the MoU that was signed between MUDA and INTACH, the focus was on the conservation of buffer area surrounding Kukkarahalli Lake and the preparation of a detailed data base on the irrigated area. The deadline to prepare the DPR was within nine months of signing the agreement, according to the agreement date Dec. 18, 2023. Of the total Rs. 63.8 lakh earmarked to prepare the DPR, 25% of the amount, Rs. 18.49 lakh was paid as advance on Dec. 22, 2023 to INTACH. However, there is no sign of any preparations related to the DPR, paving way for discussion in public circles.

On Mar. 7, 2024, the then Superintending Engineer of MUDA had written a letter to INTACH, besides making repeated attempts to contact the latter over phone or through e-mail, but to no avail. No response was received from INTACH.

RTI Activist B.N. Nagendra said, "while there should be no compromise on the works related to conservation of the lake by taking up cleaning works, on the other hand, action should be taken to retrieve Rs. 18 lakh paid as advance to INTACH to prepare the DPR. The taxpayer's money should not go waste."

MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith said, there is no such proposal over the development works of Kukkarahalli Lake. Following a complaint, alleging that the agreement with INTACH was reached, without inviting any tenders, Lokayukta probe has been initiated into the same. While INTACH cannot take up any DPR related works, action will be taken to seek back Rs. 18 lakh advance amount paid to INTACH, once Lokayukta probe is completed.

High Court refuses to ban tiger safaris in State

Bengaluru, Apr. 16 (Agencies)- The Karnataka High Court yesterday declined to impose an immediate ban on tiger safaris in the State.

However, it directed the State Government to file a reply to a plea seeking a permanent ban on tiger safaris within critical tiger habitats on the ground that such activities contravene established conservation norms.

A Bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Poonacha sought a detailed affidavit clarifying the demarcation of core, buffer and tourism zones, the exact locations where safaris are being conducted and maps indicating these zones.

The matter arises from a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by V. Ravi Kumar calling for a ban on such safaris. The petitioner relied on the landmark Supreme Court ruling in TN Godavarman Thirumulpad v/s Union of India, which governs forest protection and wildlife management in India.

The controversy pertains to

File photo

tiger reserves such as Bandipur and Nagarahole, where safari activities were temporarily halted following a series of fatal human-wildlife conflicts in October-November 2025. Authorities later permitted a phased resumption of safaris at 50 percent capacity based on the recommendations of a technical committee.

Earlier, the petitioner's Counsel submitted that the ongoing safari operations were in violation of established conservation norms.

The Court, however, questioned the factual basis of these allegations, observing that critical tiger habitat is not always synonymous with the core zone and that proper classification must be verified.

It noted that tiger reserves typically comprise core, buffer and tourism zones, each with distinct permissible activities. The Court further observed that safaris are generally allowed only in buffer or designated tourism zones, not in strictly protected core areas.

It also noted that guidelines issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) require safaris to be conducted on non-forest or degraded land within buffer zones, avoiding critical habitats and tiger corridors.

Boy dies after getting caught in a hammock

Srirangapatna, Apr. 16 (VK&KS) - A boy died after he got caught in a hammock made from a saree at his house in Karekura village in the taluk yesterday. The deceased boy is Bhumith (7), son of Vijay Kumar. As Vijay Kumar's second child had taken ill, the couple told Bhumith to play in front of the house and took their second child to a hospital.

Bhumith

When they returned, they did not find Bhumith playing in front of the house and found the door of the house latched from inside.

The couple then knocked on the door several times and even called out his name but did not get any response from inside. They (couple) then alerted their neighbours and broke open the door only to see Bhumith hanging from the saree hammock.

The shocked couple, with the help of the neighbours, freed Bhumith from the hammock and immediately rushed him to the District Hospital in Mysuru where the doctors examined Bhumith and declared him dead.

The body was then shifted to Srirangapatna General Hospital, where post-mortem was performed and the body was handed over to the parents.

VOICE OF THE READER

Major accident waiting to happen at Gokulam

Sir,

I wish to draw urgent attention to the worsening parking situation near the State Bank of India in Gokulam 3rd Stage, Mysuru.

What was once a fairly navigable stretch has now become chaotic and unsafe due to indiscriminate parking by car owners on both sides of the road.

With vehicles occupying almost the entire carriageway, there is barely any space left for traffic movement. This has led to frequent bottlenecks and traffic snarls, while also posing a risk to pedestrians, cyclists and two-wheeler riders. Schoolchildren, elderly residents and daily commuters are among the worst affected.

Despite repeated complaints from residents and regular users of the road, there has been little visible action from the Traffic Police. Residents say the lack of enforcement is worrying and fear that it could lead to accidents if the situation continues.

They have urged the authorities to immediately enforce a strict no-parking rule along the stretch, step up traffic monitoring and penalise violators.

Residents have stressed that road safety must be treated as a priority and have called for prompt action in the interest of public safety.

—Mukta Gupta

Gokulam

9.4.2026

Fiesta 2K26 marks decennial fete of Christ College

Mysuru, Apr. 16- 'Fiesta 2K26' cultural fest marked the decennial year celebration of Christ College in Srirampura recently.

Rev. Fr. Jinto Jose, Principal, who welcomed, highlighted the institution's vision and growth over the past decade.

In his felicitation address, Rev. Fr. Dr Augustine, CMI, former President, St. Thomas Education Society, emphasised that such platforms are essential for the holistic development of students and noted that the journey of building the institution into a centre of excellence was not without challenges.

Rev. Fr. Joby Kunnath CMI, President, St. Thomas Education Society, who presided, inspired students to strive for excellence while upholding strong values. He also elaborated on the importance of *Sanatana Dharma*, emphasising the concept of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* (the world as one family) and highlighted the relevance of Vedas/Upanishads in shaping ethical and value-driven lives.

Representing the parent community, Ravi Hulkoti lauded the institution's progress and the achievements of its students.

The release of the college *View Book*, showcasing its academic milestones, was the highlight of the event.

Special annual edition of the college newsletter *'Kristos'* was released by the dignitaries, in the presence of Christ Media Coordinator S. Shilpa and Student Coordinators M.N. Anusha and Jezneel Lomeo.

A video presentation depicting the academic accomplishments of the college, along with a special tribute video dedicated to the stalwarts of the institution, acknowledging their leadership and relentless contributions over the past decade, was also released.

The toppers in academics and non-academics were honoured with certificates. The celebration culminated with a DJ session.

Talk on Parkinson's disease

Mysuru, Apr. 16- Every April, Parkinson's Awareness Month reminds us of the importance of understanding and supporting individuals living with Parkinson's disease (PD).

PD is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder characterised by cardinal symptoms such as slowness of movement, tremors, rigidity and postural instability, and it is most commonly seen in older individuals.

With early intervention, family involvement and consistent therapy practices, individuals with PD can maintain effective communication and a better quality of life.

The Department of Speech Language Sciences at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, is organising an orientation talk on Apr. 17 at 10 am on speech and communication changes in individuals with PD. This programme aims to spread awareness among individuals with PD, their caregivers and family members, ensuring that every person with Parkinson's receives the attention and therapy they deserve.

Healthcare professionals who treat patients with PD, such as physicians, nurses, physiotherapists and occupational therapists may disseminate this information to those who may benefit from it. For details contact N. Sashirekha, Junior Research Fellow on Mob: 99169-59785.

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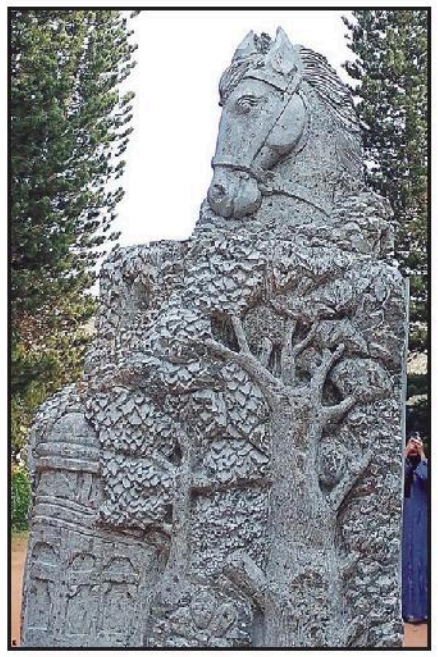

By R. Raja Chandra

This refers to a series of articles in *Star of Mysore* by your popular columnist Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem *(Over A Cup of Evening Tea)* on statues dotting our heritage city.

Initially, I wanted to write a riposte to his illuminating story titled ***"A Mysore Queen's Magic Touch!"*** in *SOM* dated Apr. 5. However, his parting comment — A little more about Colton, Ganpatrao and another most unusual statue, next week! — made me wait for another week!

However, after reading his Apr. 12 column, titled ***"Of A Few More Statues And Their Makers,"*** I perforce had to change my mind about writing a detailed note on Robert William Colton (1867-1921) and Ganpatrao Mhatre (1879-1947). Hopefully, I will reserve it for another day!

This is because, in his article, the learned doctor says: "Nearer home are the statues of Maharaja H.H. Chamaraja Wadiyar X and Sir Mark Cubbon, located at Cubbon Park and more notably, the bronze equestrian statue he has sculpted of our Maharaja, that now stands in the statue park of Lalbagh, in Bengaluru."

I am afraid he is wrong regarding the equestrian statues of Sir Mark Cubbon (1775-1861) in Cubbon Park (officially called Sri Chamarajendra Park) and Maharaja Sri Chamarajendra Wadiyar (1863-1894) in Lalbagh.

Ironically, both equestrian statues have a rather chequered history!

Sir Mark Cubbon's bronze statue was actually done by the celebrated Italian-born French sculptor, Baron Pietro Carlo Giovanni Battista Marochetti RA (1805-1867). The statue was formally unveiled in the Parade Grounds by Cubbon's successor, Lewin Bentham Bowring, on March 16, 1866. Since its unveiling, the statue has been relocated on many occasions!

After the construction of Attara Kacheri (the Old Public Offices Building, now the Karnataka High Court in Bengaluru) in 1868, the statue was moved to the front of the building and later shifted behind it in 1950.

In 2020, it was once again moved to a place beside the Bandstand inside Sri Chamarajendra Park. Karnataka State Horticulture Department has added two new sculptures at the back of the High Court and Bandstand. *[See pictures]*

Maharaja Sri Chamarajendra Wadiyar's equestrian bronze statue is by English sculptor Edward Onslow Ford RA (1852 - 1901)! Ford, who died prematurely at the age of 49, was an established figure in the New Sculpture Movement in the late nineteenth century and was particularly known for portraiture, which included the Shelley Memorial at University College (1892), Oxford, William Ewart Gladstone (1894) and Queen Victoria (1901).

Luckily, a few records survive relating to the Maharaja's statue. One among them is a maquette of the horse from the life-size sculpture of the Maharaja, signed and dated 'E.Onslow Ford. 1897'.

Obviously, the artist created a maquette of the horse in 1897 before creating the life-size. This was on sale at Christie's a few years ago and realised USD 10,156! Similarly, another maquette of the equestrian statue is also available. *[See pictures]*

This statue was unveiled by Lord Curzon in Mysore on 1.12.1900. To commemorate the Viceroy's visit to Mysore and the inauguration of the statue by His Excellency, the Maharani Regent, HH Kempananjammanni of Vani Vilas Sannidhana, proposed to set apart the ground around it for a park to be called after Lord Curzon's name.

However, when the new Palace was built and further beautification of the area around the fort was undertaken, this statue was shifted to Lalbagh. The then Superintendent of Lalbagh, Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel (1865-1956) created a beautiful circle around the statue.

The statue is installed on a marble pedestal about ten feet high. The pedestal has a main dais for the primary statue and four smaller dais in the four angular directions; each of these previously held a mini statuette.

Sadly, they have been vandalised and are missing. Interestingly, a small statue of Krumbiegel is available inside the Mysore Palace.

However, this is not a case where Edward Onslow Ford is denied a place of honour in the Heritage City. Mysore's oldest bronze statue, which the author has missed out in his story about statues, is that of Sir James Davidson Gordon KCSI (1835-1889).

Sir James Gordon has rendered yeoman service to Mysore. He was the guardian of the young Maharaja Sri Chamarajendra Wadiyar. He was also the last Chief Commissioner to Mysore, serving from 1878 to 1881, before the famous Rendition in 1881 when the British handed over the ruling powers to the young Maharaja.

He served as the British Resident of Mysore from 1881 to 1883 and continued to guide his protege and the Dewans in the early days after Rendition. He was also the Chief Commissioner of Coorg from 1878 to 1883. The area around the Attara Kacheri (old DC Office) was actually known as Gordon Park and a majestic statue of Gordon, sculpted by Onslow Ford, stands in front of the Attara Kacheri. *[See pic.]*

Despite the minor errors, the author, in his inimitable style, has enriched readers with many unknown anecdotes and facets of our heritage city's history.

[Author Raja Chandra is a member of erstwhile Mysore royal family]

My father will remain as CM for 5 years: Dr. Yathindra

Dr. Yathindra

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (BS)- Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, MLC and son of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has reiterated that, his father would complete his full term as the Chief Minister.

Speaking to media persons here yesterday, Dr. Yathindra, who has been vouching about his father remaining in the office for full five years, said that, his father himself had clarified on the floor of the Legislative Assembly in this regard.

To a question on, a group of MLAs camping in New Delhi, strongly lobbying for a Cabinet reshuffle, Dr. Yathindra said, those MLAs have gone to the National Capital, only to seek their induction into the Cabinet, not to insist on any change in guard.

"Till my father remains as CM, I won't lobby for any Cabinet berth," clarified Dr. Yathindra.

On the allegations of running a transfer and commission racket, made by Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK), Dr. Yathindra, who dismissed the allegations, demanded substantiating proof from Kumaraswamy.

"Ever since my father returned as the CM, I have become the centre of target for Opposition parties in the State. Any charges should be made with shred of evidence. I can also level similar charges against HDK, but I won't do the same, without any proof," said Dr. Yathindra, who said that, he is only taking care of matters related to Varuna, represented by his father in the Assembly.

'Address possible water crisis in summer'

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (BLU&BS)- MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah has instructed the officers to take precautions to tackle scarcity of drinking water that erupts during summer in Mysuru district.

Addressing a meeting of officers held at Zilla Panchayat meeting hall here yesterday, Dr. Yathindra said, following the onset of summer, the chances of drinking water related issues cannot be ignored. The officials should step up precautions to address the scarcity.

Seeking a clarity from officers, about any steps taken to identify those villages vulnerable to water scarcity, Dr. Yathindra said, the officers must regularly visit those villages before hand and prevent the possibilities of water crisis. The working condition of multi-village drinking water project should be reviewed and the private borewells and tankers can be deployed, as solutions to the crisis.

Any dearth of funds to implement drinking water related projects should be brought to the notice of higher officers, so that measures can be taken to supply adequate water, by utilising required funds, Dr. Yathindra added.

Photography, videography service to cost more

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (BLU&KS)- Following increase in the prices of photography and videography materials, Mysore District Photographers and Videographers Association has increased the cost of photography and videography services.

Addressing a press meet in city this morning, Association President B. Vinay said that due to the war and other issues, the cost of printing paper, printing ink, cameras, lenses, flash, photo albums, salaries of employees and other equipment had increased and colour labs have hiked the price by 30 percent which has made photographers and videographers of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar to hike their service charges since yesterday.

Vinay has urged the customers to co-operate with photographers and videographers while availing their services.

Association Vice-President H. Rajagopal, SecretaryA. Dhananjaya, Treasurer K. Umesh, Director A. Mohan, Abhinandan and Nidhi Manju were present at the press meet.

Man goes missing from city

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (KS)- A 43-year-old man has gone missing from Hebbal Police limits in city. The missing man is Rahul Mandanna. He is 5.4 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, sports beard and moustache, speaks Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi and English and was wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರ, ಜಾಮರಾಜಪುರಂ, ಬಜ್ಜಣ್ಣ ಬೀದಿ, ಮನೆ ನಂ. 1157 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಡಾ. ಪಿಳ್ಳೆ.ವಿ.ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ್ ನಾಯ್ಡುರವರ ಮಗನಾದ ಶ್ರೀ.ಶರತ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಮೈಸೂರು ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮ್‌ರವರ ಈರಾದೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ,

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Destruction of nature not true development: Zoo Director

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director P. Anusha addressing a workshop at JSS College for Women in Saraswathipuram recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 16- A one-day workshop on 'Sustainable Development in Environmental Science' was organised by the Department of Chemistry, JSS College for Women (Autonomous), Saraswathipuram Mysuru, recently.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, DCF P. Anusha, Executive Director of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), opined that destruction of nature is not true development.

She stated that nature is an integral part of human life and everyone should work towards protecting the environment, as that constitutes the true development of society.

In his keynote address, Prof. A. G. Deviprasad, Retd. Professor of Environmental Science, University of Mysore, highlighted the importance of natural resources. He stated that humans should utilise natural resources judiciously.

Emphasising that nature has provided immense help to mankind and that humans should never allow natural resources to deplete, Dr. Deviprasad further stressed that, instead man should work towards the sustainable development of the environment.

Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, Director, College Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, who presided over the programme, warned that failure to protect the environment would lead to dire consequences. The humans must overcome their selfishness and focus their efforts on environmental protection.

Prof. Mallikarjuna added that sustainable development in society can be achieved only through the harmonious blend of scientific knowledge and ethical values.

Dr. Rechanna, Principal and Dr. D.M. Lokeshwari, Head, Department of Chemistry, were present.

Earlier Disha D. Rao and troupe rendered invocation. Y.R. Nireeksha delivered welcome address. N.S. Sushmitha proposed the vote of thanks. D.Y. Trupthi compered the programme.

The inauguration was followed by three technical sessions.

The first technical session on the topic "Sustainable Strategies to Reduce Environmental Pollution" was delivered by Dr. S. Roopanjali, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, SJCE Campus, JSS Science & Technology University, Mysuru.

The second technical session on the topic "Solid Waste Management" was delivered by Dr. R. Lathamani, Associate Professor Environmental Science, VVCE Campus, Mysuru.

The third technical session on the topic "Sustainable Development in the Current Environment" was delivered by Dr. K.T. Vadiraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research Mysuru.

GUILTY

Congress MLA Vinay Kulkarni convicted in murder case

Court to announce quantum of punishment tomorrow

Bengaluru, Apr. 16 (Agencies)- A Special Court for People Representatives convicted Congress MLA Vinay Kulkarni in connection with the 2016 murder of BJP leader Yogesh Gowda.

The Court found Kulkarni guilty along with 18 others, while acquitting two accused in the case. The verdict was delivered by Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat, who is expected to announce the quantum of punishment tomorrow.

This morning, the Court heard the arguments of both sides regarding quantum of punishment during which the Advocate representing the convicts requested the Court for a reformative punishment while the CBI requested for capital punishment. On hearing both the sides, Judge Santhosh Gajanana Bhat posted the orders for tomorrow.

It may be recalled, Yogesh Gowda, the then Dharwad Zilla Panchayat Member, was murdered on June 15, 2016, at a gym in Dharwad, in a case that had sparked significant political controversy.

Vinay Kulkarni

Kulkarni, who was a Minister at the time, had been accused of conspiring in the killing.

The case later took a political turn, with the BJP vowing to hand over the probe to the CBI after coming to power. The investigation was subsequently transferred to the CBI in September 2019.

Following the investigation, the CBI filed an additional charge-sheet under IPC Sections 120B, 143, 147, 148, 302 and under Section 25 read with Sections 3, 5, 8 and 29 of the Arms Act.

In August 2021, the Supreme Court granted him bail but later cancelled it on June 6, 2025. In January 2026, the High Court of Karnataka rejected his fresh bail petition.

Census-2027: Enumerators visit door-to-door

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In Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) jurisdiction, beginning from 10 am, enumerators went house-to-house and asked queries according to 33-questionnaire and uploaded the answers on the dedicated portal, on their cellphones. If any households had taken part in voluntary self-enumeration, the Self-Enumeration ID (SEID) number was collected and uploaded on the device.

The task is being supervised by MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) G.S. Somashekar in the city.

To facilitate Census, the whole of district is divided into 35 charges and 6,013 blocks including 1,832 blocks in MCC jurisdiction and 4,181 blocks in Mysuru taluk, with various Department officials, mainly teachers, totalling 7,748 officers and supporting staff, deputed for the purpose. A total of 6,540 enumerators are involved in the district including 4,517 enumerators in rural and 341 supervisors deputed in MCC jurisdiction and 867 in rural limits.

In the second stage, population Census will be conducted in February 2027.

Each Census block consists of one enumerator and one supervisor for each of six enumerators. Additional 10% of enumerators and supervisors have been deputed, as auxiliary staff. Ahead of the Census, State-level training was conducted for seven Master Trainers of the district at Administrative Training Institute (ATI) in the city.

District-level training was conducted for 110 Field Trainers at District Training Institute. Taluk-level training was conducted from Mar. 29 to Apr. 11.

Keep a check on child marriages: Mysuru DC

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (BS)- With Basava Jayanti and Akshaya Tritiya being celebrated on Apr. 20, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has instructed Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPO), to keep a check on any possibilities of child marriages.

According to a press release, the DC has stated that child marriage, considered as an ominous act in practice since ancient days, is prevalent still in the 21st century.

The matrimonial alliance between the girl aged below 18 years and boys below 21 years is considered as child marriage. Under The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006, all those attendees of such marriages and the family members will be booked and face punitive action not below one year imprisonment extendable up to two years and Rs. 1 lakh fine.

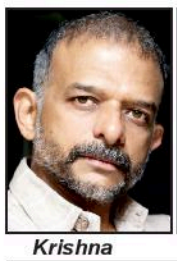
The PCMA empowers the Police to file a *suo motu* case and apart from the Government official, it is the duty of every citizen to take preventive steps against underage marriages.

The CMPOs should ensure that no such minor marriages are conducted at religious centres or marriage halls in their respective jurisdiction, including mass marriage ceremonies or individual ceremonies.

Any complaints can be registered on Child Helpline - 1098 or Police Control Room - 112 or District Child Protection Unit - 0821-2543003 or nearby Police Station.

T.M. Krishna's book launch in Mysuru on Apr. 19

Mysuru, Apr. 16- The Mysuru launch of ***'We, The People of India: Decoding a Nation's Symbols,'*** the latest work by acclaimed musician, activist and author T.M. Krishna, has been organised at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar 1st Stage on Apr. 19 at 6.30 pm. The event is open to public.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Mahesh Rao

In this timely and provocative book, Krishna delves into the cultural, social and political significance of the symbols that define the Indian identity. From the National Anthem to the Flag, the author invites readers to move beyond blind reverence and engage in a deeper, more nuanced understanding of what these icons represent in a modern democracy.

The evening will feature an engaging live conversation between T.M. Krishna and celebrated novelist Mahesh Rao, known for his sharp wit and keen observations of Indian society. Together, they will navigate the complexities of national identity, the intersection of art and activism, and the stories we tell ourselves as a nation.

Following the discussion, there will be an interactive Q&A session with the audience, concluding with a book signing session where attendees can meet the author.

World Dance Day event at KPAC on Sunday

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Mysuru, Apr. 16- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised the 71st International Nirantara Kalemane Festival at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal on Apr. 19 (Sunday) at 3 pm.

On this occasion, World Dance Day will be celebrated and simultaneously, the 'Kalemane Kalashree Award' ceremony will be held to honour four distinguished personalities who have made significant contributions in various dimensions to the field of dance.

Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will be the chief guest. Kalemane Kalashree Award will be conferred on D. Ashwath Kadamba (Theatre Artiste, Mysuru), K.J. Narayana Kikkeri (Theatre Artiste, Mysuru), Nanjunda Rao (Art Critic, Bengaluru) and B. Omkar Murthy (Owner, Omkar Studio, Bengaluru).

Performances include Bharatanatyam by the disciples of *Karnataka Kalashree* Dr. K. Kumar, Mysuru; Bharatanatyam by the disciples of *Kalaimamani* Dr. Sangeetha Kabilan, Bengaluru; Bharatanatyam by Vidu. N. Sindhu and her disciples, Mysuru; Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Yashaswini, Bengaluru; Duet Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Meenal Girish and Vidu. T.N. Yogitamani, Tumakuru.

Bhushan Brothers to perform on Apr. 18

Mysuru, Apr. 16- Upcoming Bharatanatyam Brothers, **Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan** and **Abhignan Vedant Bhushan,** sons and disciples of celebrity artiste couple Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan, will be performing for Amrutha Mahotsava of Sri Uma Maheswara Nruthya Kalakshetra on Apr. 18 at 12 noon at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar.

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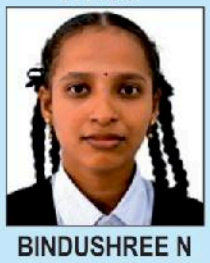
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DECODING MYTHOLOGY

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Equality in Love

Gauri is Mrs. Shiva. Lakshmi is Mrs. Vishnu. Sita is Mrs. Ram. But Radha is not Mrs. Krishna. Everyone knows that. We just do not openly talk about it. Thus, Hindu mythology makes us realise that relationships cannot be standardised. Life is complicated and we are non-gendered souls wrapped in gendered bodies who long to be witnessed.

Those who truly witness us may not have the body we expect them to have. So Shiva, the hermit, has a princess for a wife. She is his second wife. His first wife, Sati, was a priest's daughter. She was angry with him and her father. She had to transform herself, become the mountain maid, to reconcile the two men in her lives.

By contrast, Vishnu has to chase Lakshmi, find ways to make her happy, as she is demanding and whimsical and will not be controlled. When Vishnu took the form of Ram, the eldest son of the royal family, he had to marry Sita, an educated princess, daughter of Janaka, who could always win an argument. But as the TV series *The Crown* has shown us, royal families are expected to think more about the institution than family.

And so, despite love, their relationship was strained as Ram chose institutional norms over personal affection. The pressure of being king was perhaps too much. So when the era changed, when Treta yuga became Dvapara yuga, Vishnu descended on earth as Krishna, the youngest son of a cowherd family, with fewer burdens and freedom to play pranks.

He flirted with milkmaids and fell in love with Radha, the wife of another cowherd (his mother's brother, some say), who was older than him. She danced around him while he played the flute at night, outside the village. They could not marry. But she taught him how to treat women. How easy it is for Krishna to have many wives, but not easy for Draupadi to have many husbands.

These are just stories. Stories are metaphors to communicate human emotions and the complexity of desire. Gods have many forms; goddesses have many forms. Not all complement each other. Sometimes, to pacify the angry Shiva, even Vishnu has to turn into a woman, the enchanting, alluring Mohini.

And sometimes, to enjoy the company of Krishna, even the masculine tandava-dancing Shiva has to become the feminine lasya-performing Gopeshwara. Every context is different. Standard rules do not apply. The point is that we witness each other and allow each other to grow.

Growth is when we learn to empathise with the other. It is not easy. Ram has to choose between crown and company. Krishna had to choose between the village of adoring women and the city of toxic men. Shiva needs to cope with the anger of Gauri when she finds Ganga sitting atop his head and Gauri knows that she has to compensate for her husband, be the warrior Durga sometimes and the kitchen-goddess Annapoorna at other times.

Life is about relishing the relationships that help us grow. Not everybody will understand why princesses marry hermits, why Sita adores Ram, why Krishna chants, 'Radhe, Radhe,' all the time. Equality in love happens when we see the difference.

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New team of BAI Mysuru Centre installed

Mysuru, Apr. 16- The new team of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, for 2026-27 was installed at Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) Auditorium in city on Apr. 4.

V. Satya Murthy, National Vice-President, BAI, who was the Installing Officer, administered the oath to the new team.

S. Ramakrishnan, Co-Founder & Director, HRPL Residence & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, who was the chief guest, released the Year Theme and Logo Banner of 2026-27.

Shivaprakash, State Chairman, BAI Karnataka 2026-27, was guest of honour.

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***C.D. Krishna, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mysuru 2025-26, Shivaprakash, State Chairman, BAI Karnataka 2026-27, Installing Officer Sathya Murthy, National Vice-President, BAI 2026-27, K.R. Prabhakara Rao, Chairman, BAI Mysuru 2026-2027, chief guest S. Ramakrishnan, Co-Founder & Director, HRPL Residence & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, V. Srinath, Imm Past Chairman, BAI Mysuru 2025-2026, M.D. Praveen Pal, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mysuru 2026-27, with Team 2026-27.***

The new team of BAI Mysuru is as follows: **Chairman -** K.R. Prabhakara Rao; **Vice-Chairman -** C.D. Krishna; **Hon. Secretary -** M.D. Praveen Pal; **Hon. Treasurer -** S. Shashiraj; **Joint Secretary -** G. Ashok; **Imm. Past Chairman -** V. Srinath.

GCMC Members: K. Sriram and N.S. Muralidhara; **Co-opt. GCMC Members:** Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, N. Subramanya and U.M. Gurushanthappa; **EC Members:** M.S. Balaji, Bhargav V. Shinde, C.U. Divakar, T.S. Gurudatta, K.L. Gururaj, K.C. Nandakumar, V. Mohan Kumar, K.M. Raghunath, R. Ramesh Rao, K.N. Ravishankar, D. Srihari, C.S. Srikanth, S.H. Srinivas, S. Vasudevan and M.V. Vinod Kumar; **Co-opted EC Members:** N. Lokesh, P. Mahendra Reddy, R. Prasanna Kumar, R. Ravi (Iyengar), B.N. Shivakumar and C. Vishwanath.

Advisors: Dr. Nagaraj Bairy and M.S. Ramprasad; **Membership Committee:** M. Rathnaraj and A.S. Yoganarasimha; **WEM-26:** Advisor - R. Raghunath; Chairman - C.D. Krishna; Hon. Secretary - S. Vasudevan; Hon. Treasurer - S. Shashiraj; Hon. Treasurer - Venktesh Prasad.

MyRealty-26: Advisor - M.C. Mallikarjun; Chairman - Ashwin R. Pallegar; Hon. Secretary - K.S. Prakash; Hon. Treasurer - S.P. Madhu; **BuildTech-26:** Advisors - B.R. Badarinath and T.N. Hemanth; Chairman - H.S. Deepak; Hon. Secretary - R. Ravi; Hon. Treasurer - B. Rajesh Darira; **MyBuild-26:** Advisors - A.V. Sridhar and N.S. Muralidhara; Chairman - S.L. Dinesh; Hon. Secretary - A. Dinesh; Hon. Treasurer - Sampath.

Shilpi: Advisors - S. Prakash, K.C. Nandakumar, R. Ravi, H.B. Ravi Rathnakar and B.N. Shreeraj; **Youth Committee:** Advisors - B.S. Dinesh, Ghanashyam Murali and Preetham Sridhar; **CWWC:** Advisors - U.M. Gurushanthappa, Bhargav V. Shinde, K.T. Govindaraju, T.S. Gurudatta, Santhosh Mirle and B.N. Shivakumar; **Shilpi Editorial:** Advisors - S.R. Swamy, Udai S. Kumar and V. Gurudatt; **Spoorthi Member -** Srivani Uday.

Programme Organising / Cultural Committee: Advisors - S. Mahadevaswamy, Chandrashekar Bharadwaj, B. Rajesh Darira, K.M. Raghunath, S. Umesh and M. Prashanth; **Spoorthi Member -** Lalitha Mohan; **Grievances Redressal & Opportunity (GROP):** Advisors - N. Subramanya, G.V. Balu, K.U. Ganapathi, K. Ravi and B.H. Revani Prasad.

Technical Talk & Tour: Advisors - K. Sriram; A.R. Ravindra Bhat, P. Puttaswamy, K. Sathish Mohan, S.H. Srinivas, H. Ashwathanarayana, Rakesh Manickam and B. Jagadish.

Overseas Tour Co-ordinator: Advisors - K. Subramanya Rao, M.D. Chandrashekar and Mahabaleshwara Bairy.

In his acceptance address, Prabhakara Rao emphasised the need to address the burning issues related to construction industry and announced this year's theme 'Knowledge Builds Structures, Wisdom Creates Future.'

Pranav P. Rao rendered the invocation. Outgoing Chairman V. Srinath welcomed. Outgoing Hon. Secretary C.D. Krishna presented annual report 2025-26.

Praveen Pal proposed a vote of thanks. Spoorthi Member Sumalatha Krishnaraj compered.

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- Ownership status of the house
- Number of rooms
- Number of married couples living in the house

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- Main source of lighting
- Access to latrine
- Type of latrine
- Waste water outlet
- Bathroom facilities
- Kitchen & LPG/PNG connection
- Main fuel used for cooking

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MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	03.45	06.25	Daily (Via MAQ,MYS)
16552	Mysuru	Chennai	05.10	07.50	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	05.40	08.35	Monday
20676 (17326)	Mysuru	Belagavi	07.00	09.55	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	06.00	07.40	Except Wed-Vande Bharat
66554	Ashokapuram	Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	08.00	10.10	Tue &Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	08.35	11.05	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	09.05	13.13	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.05	12.05	Thu - Humsafar Express
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30	12.40	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30	13.40	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45	16.25	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	13.05	14.45	Except Wed-Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.25	16.30	Daily
66552	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.55	17.05	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.05	Except Thu
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.50	17.20	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.50	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	15.45	18.20	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.15	18.50	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	17.15	20.10	Daily
07034	Mysuru	Kakinada Town	17.20	20.55	Tue & Sat (TOD SPL)
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.50	21.40	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	20.30	23.40	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.40	23.05	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.15	22.50	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	20.40	00.05	Daily
06269	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	21.50	00.35	Daily
66580	Ashokapuram	SMVB Baiyyappanahalli	23.00	02.35	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	23.10	01.25	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	23.55	02.05	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	00.10	04.00	Daily
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	00.30	04.05	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	00.45	03.35	Wednesday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	00.45	03.35	Friday
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	05.20	07.45	Thursday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.40	08.35	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	05.55	08.55	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.20	09.30	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	06.35	10.20	Daily
16536	Pandharpur	Mysuru	07.30	10.45	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	08.05	11.45	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.25	11.15	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.15	12.25	Daily - MEMU Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05	12.20	Except Wed-Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35	13.00	Except Thu
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30	14.00	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	12.50	16.00	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	12.15	15.00	Wed - Humsafar Exp
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	13.50	16.30	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily
56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	15.35	18.35	Daily Passenger
07033	Kakinada Town	Mysuru	09.00	16.00	Mon & Fri (TOD SPL)
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	16.45	19.25	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.25 (MYS)	09.20	Daily Exp
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	17.05	20.00	Thursday
20675 (17325)	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.50	20.35	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.25	21.10	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	18.40	21.30	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	21.55	Daily - MEMU Passenger
16551	Chennai	Mysuru	20.00	22.50	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Murdeshwar	20.25	23.20	Daily
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	21.30	23.30	Except Thu - Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	22.55	01.50	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	20.45	00.05	Fri & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.25	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.45 next day	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266	Mysuru	Arsikere	06.30	10.25	Daily Passenger
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.15	10.10 (Hassan)	Daily
06281	Mysuru	Arsikere	08.00	11.10	Sat
06282	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.10	18.30	Wed
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.40	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	14.00	23.00	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	22.00	Daily Passenger
56267	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily Passenger
56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	17.30	21.15	Daily Passenger
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	19.30 (Fri)	18.45 (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	22.45	09.55	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	23.40	12.55	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	19.40	07.10	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.25	17.05	Daily
16207	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	16.55 (Hassan)	20.10	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.00 next day	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.50	15.30	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	14.50	22.30	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	02.20 (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	14.10	03.30	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
56202	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	05.00	06.45	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.25 (MYS)	09.20	Daily Exp
56210	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	08.00	10.10	Daily Passenger
56204	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	11.50	13.30	Daily Passenger
56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	15.40	17.20	Daily Passenger
56282	Tumakuru	Chamarajanagar	18.40	20.50	Daily Passenger
56206	Mysuru	Nanjangud Town	09.15	10.00	Daily Passenger
56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	04.40	06.30	Daily Passenger
56281	Chamarajanagar	Tumakuru	07.15	09.00	Daily Passenger
56207	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40	12.30	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.50	17.05	Daily Passenger
56203	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.30	19.30	Daily Passenger
56209	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	21.45	23.40	Daily Passenger
56205	Nanjangud Town	Mysuru	10.25	11.15	Daily Passenger

'Travel Tales and Close Encounters' released

Padma Shri ***awardee S. Subbaraman*** *(seated)* ***releasing the book 'Travel Tales and Close Encounters' at a programme organised by Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust in city on Apr. 10 as*** *(from left)* ***Rashmi Gopal, Dr. Usha Srinath, Maithili Rao, Shubha Sanjay Urs, Dipti Kotian, Meena Joshi and Namrata Rao look on.***

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (BCT)- The anthology of personal essays 'Travel Tales and Close Encounters,' edited by Maithili Rao and Rinki Roy Bhattacharya, was released at Hotel Southern Star in city on Apr. 10.

The event was organised by the Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust and the book was released by *Padma Shri* awardee and retired Superintending Archaeological Chemist from Mysuru, 96-year-old S. Subbaraman.

Describing the anthology as "a beautiful work that offers an emotional journey through small stories," Subbaraman recalled his days with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), when frequent travel to archaeological sites across the country never felt like a burden but rather a delightful experience. Subbaraman, known for his distinguished contribution to archaeological conservation, said most of his journeys were by train and often became opportunities to understand local culture, people and traditions.

"Travel shapes one's perspective on life and my own life is testimony to that," he remarked. Reflecting on changing travel experiences, he noted that foreign visitors in the 1960s were treated with special respect, while travel today has become more individualistic and technology-driven.

The anthology, he observed, also reflects on how modern travel is increasingly mediated by screens, unlike earlier journeys enriched by shared experiences and human interaction.

Dr. Nalini Chandar, who was in conversation with the editor and contributors of the book said, the anthology brings together 29 stories by 24 authors, covering diverse travel experiences, from memories of old train journeys and foreign trips to encounters with strangers and even stories set during the Partition era.

She said, the collection transcends cultural and geographical boundaries while highlighting shared human values.

Among those present were Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust Founder and President Shubha Sanjay Urs, Rashmi Gopal, Dr. Usha Srinath, Maithili Rao, Dipti Kotian, Meena Joshi and Namrata Rao.

Duets delight music-lovers at Bhagini Sangeethothsava

Bangalore Brothers — Vid. M.B. Hariharan and Vid. S. Ashok — presenting a vocal duet at BSS Vidyodaya premises in Krishnamurthypuram last evening as part of Bhagini Sangeethothsava. They are accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata. Picture below shows Dr. Mysore Manjunath and his daughter Vidu. Malavi Manjunath presenting a violin duet on Tuesday, accompanied by Vid. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga, Vid. Rajendra Nakod on tabla and Sandy Hagen on tamboora.

Mysuru author longlisted for two literary honours

IGF Archer Amish Award for Storytellers, S.L. Bhyrappa Prize for Indian Fiction

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (BCT)- Mysuru-based author Dr. Arun Krishnan has been longlisted for two prestigious honours. The IGF Archer Amish Award for Storytellers and the S.L. Bhyrappa Prize for Indian Fiction.

Dr. Arun Krishnan

Dr. Arun Krishnan, who is also the Chairman and Managing Director of Mysore Polymers and Rubber Products, has earned this recognition for his latest novel, 'Daughter of Two Rivers', a historical fantasy that bridges ancient civilisations.

Published by Penguin Random House, the book was released at the Mysuru Literature Festival 2025.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Arun Krishnan said historical fiction is not just a genre for him, but a discipline he has chosen to pursue fully. "At this point, historical fiction is what I'm sticking to," he said, while hinting at a forthcoming fifth book with Penguin that will depart from the past.

Inspiration for 'Daughter of Two Rivers'

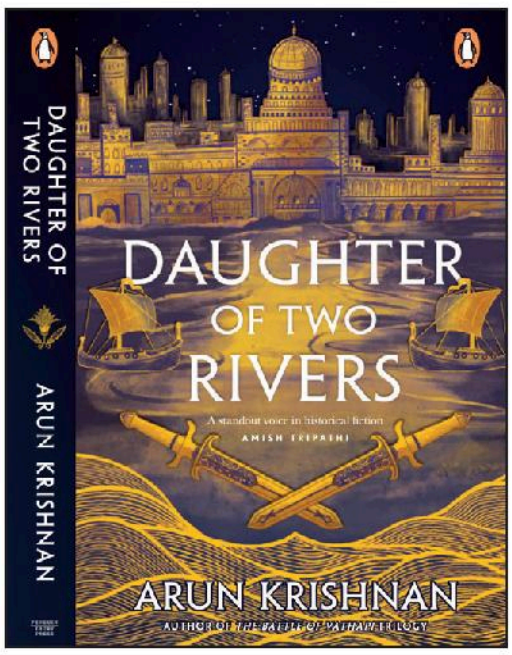
'Daughter of Two Rivers' draws inspiration from the twentieth-century discovery of a Sumerian tablet. Recalling a visit to the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute in Pune, he said he came across a tablet reportedly found off the Mumbai coast, inscribed with accounts of slaves being freed.

"That discovery sparked a question. How did a Sumerian relic end up in India?" he said. The novel travels back to 1900 BCE, almost 4,000 years ago, weaving together the Sindhu, Saraswathi and Babylonian civilisations, while also linking the narrative to archaeological finds at Rakhigarhi in Haryana, one of the largest Harappan sites.

Balancing writing with his professional life has never been a challenge, he said, crediting discipline as the key. "If I write for an hour each day, I can finish a book in about three to three-and-a-half months," he explained.

Writing discipline

This routine has helped him write consistently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A standout voice in historical fiction
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AUTHOR OF THE BATTLE OF VATHAPI TRILOGY

alongside a career spanning multiple countries and industries, from engineering roles in India to assignments in the United States, Singapore and Japan.

He has worked across academia, industry and entrepreneurship, including running an analytics startup for seven years before shutting it down during the pandemic.

Dr. Arun Krishnan's interest in history dates back to his early years, with frequent visits to the Brihadeeswara Temple in Thanjavur shaping his fascination with the past. Later, reading Amish Tripathi's Meluha series inspired him to write his own stories.

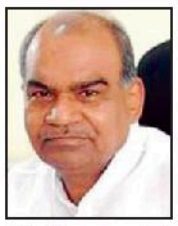
Today, his work blends science, history and imagination to create narratives that connect civilisations and centuries.

Dr. Arun Krishnan is also the author of 'The Battle of Vathapi' trilogy, published by HarperCollins, which includes 'Nandi's Charge', 'Varaha's Vengeance' and 'Simha's Roar.'

He is an engineer by training and has worked in IT, high-performance computing, bioinformatics, computational biology and HR analytics. A polyglot, he is conversant in Tamil, English, Hindi, Bengali, Japanese and Kannada. An amateur historian and musician, he enjoys visiting historical sites and playing guitar.

Devanuru Mahadeva chosen for 'Pampa Award'

Mahadeva



Siddaramaiah

Prasanna

Pratibha

- **Kayakayogi Sri Siddarameshwara Award for Writer Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah**
- **B.V. Karanth Award for Theatre personality Prasanna**
- **Shantala Natyarani Award for Pratibha Prahlad**

Mysuru, Apr. 16- Noted writer Devanuru Mahadeva has been selected for the 'Pampa Award' 2025-26 of Kannada and Culture Department, Government of Karnataka.

Every year, the State Government selects eminent personalities who have rendered distinguished service in the field of literature and have made exceptional contribution to Kannada and Karnataka for the award, instituted in the name of Adikavi Pampa. Poet Laureate Kuvempu was the first recipient of this award in 1987.

Born in Devanuru village in Nanjangud taluk in 1948, Mahadeva pursued his PG in Kannada Literature from University of Mysore. He was bestowed the Central Sahitya Akademi Award in 1990 and *Padma Shri* in 2011. But he returned both the awards in 2015.

According to a statement released by Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi yesterday, the others chosen for different awards are as follows:

Progressive thinker Siddanagouda Patil (Dharwad) - Sangoli Rayanna Award; Social activist K. Neela (Kalaburagi) - Akkamahadevi Award; Writer Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah (Tumakuru) - Kayakayogi Sri Siddarameshwara Award; Writer Allabaksh Mirasaheb Mirji (Vijayapura) - Prof. K.G. Kundanagara Gadinada Sahitya Prashasthi; Writer Sukanya Maruti (Ballari) - Daana Chintamani Attimabbe Award; Artiste G.V. Sharada (Tumakuru) - Dr. Gubbi Veeranna Award; Theatre personality Prasanna (Shivamogga) - B.V. Karanth Award; Writer Gangaram Chandala (Kolar) - Dr. Siddalingaiah Literary Award.

In the art category, V. Hariram (Bengaluru) - Varna Shilpi Venkatappa Award; Ashok Gudigar (Shivamogga) - Jakanachari Award; Folk artistes M. Mahadevaswamy (Mandya) and B. Lakshman (Yadgir) - Janapada Shri Award.

In the music and dance category, Kallinatha Shastri (Gadag) - Kumaravyasa Award; Pratibha Prahlad (Mysuru) - Shantala Natyarani Award.

All these awards carry a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh each.

Siddarama Sharanaru Beldal of Basava Yogashrama at Koutha (B), Basavakalyan, Bidar district, has been selected for the 'Basava National Award', while Bhanukeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji of Jain Mutt at Kambadahalli in Mandya district has been chosen for 'Bhagwan Mahaveer Peace National Award.' Both awards carry a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh each.

Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi said that the Awards Ceremony would be held soon after fixing a date in consultation with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Dr. Ambedkar Theme Park at Yelwal soon: Minister

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (VNS)- Social Welfare and District-in-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said that a Theme Park dedicated to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar would be constructed at Yelwal.

Presiding over a meeting of District-level Officers at ZP auditorium, the Minister said a 10-acre land had been identified for the Park or Museum and instructed the officials to prepare a blue print and a detailed project report for the same.

"The Theme Park will be tribute to the life, struggle and achievements of Dr. Ambedkar, the Architect of Indian Constitution. The Constitution has given us remedies for many issues related to economics, unemployment and water among others. It is important that the Constitution is understood by a common man. The Theme Park must highlight the milestones of Dr. Ambedkar along with creating awareness about Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar," he said.

Dr. Mahadevappa also instructed the officials to ensure the Park had new concepts to attract tourists since Mysuru was a tourist destination.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Mysuru Development Authority Commissioner K.R. Rakshith and other officials were present.

Award marks, not grades: HC tells State Govt.

Bengaluru, Apr. 16 - In a major setback to the State Government, the Karnataka High Court (HC) has directed the authorities to mandatorily record marks for third language in SSLC exam instead of awarding grades.

Hearing a writ petition filed by three students including Sahana R. Naik of Chikkamagalur, the single-Judge Bench of Justice E.S. Indiresh observed that the decision to award grades could adversely affect the academic prospects of the students.

The Bench directed the Government to record marks for third language including Hindi for academic year 2025-26 for which results are yet to be announced.

It may be recalled, the Government had ordered for awarding grades for third language instead of marks for SSLC exam conducted by Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board. While the decision was welcomed by pro-Kannada activists and writers, it was criticised by BJP and others.

WORD OF THE DAY

Enjoin

Pronunciation: in-JOIN (verb)
Meaning: Enjoining is about requiring or prohibiting. To enjoin a person is to direct or order them to do something. To enjoin an act or practice is to prohibit it; in legal contexts, that prohibition is by way of a judicial order.
Origin: Enjoin has the Latin verb jungere, meaning "to join," at its root, but the kind of joining expressed by enjoin is quite particular: it is about linking someone to an action or activity by either requiring or prohibiting it. When it's the former at hand — that is, when enjoin is used to mean "to direct or order someone to do something" — preposition to is typically employed, as in "they enjoined us to secrecy." When prohibition is involved, from is common, as in "attendees were enjoined from photographing the event." In legal contexts, enjoining involves prohibition by judicial order, through means of an injunction, as in "the judge enjoined the sale of the property."
Example: "Attorney General Brian Schwalb filed a lawsuit Thursday ... to put a landlord accused of providing unsuitable living conditions to his renters out of business. ... The lawsuit seeks restitution for impacted tenants and to 'enjoin the defendants from doing business in the District.'" — Gary Fields, The Associated Press, 13 Feb. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Eclipsis

Omission of sounds or words in speech.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

An arm and a leg

Meaning: When you use the term 'An arm and a leg' you mean that something is expensive.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'An arm and a leg' is from 1940's America. The earliest written example comes from a December 1949 edition of *The Long Beach Independent:* "Food Editor Beulah Karney has more than 10 ideas for the home-maker who wants to say "Merry Christmas" and not have it cost her an arm and a leg."
Example: "Be careful with that! It cost an arm and a leg."

QUOTE BOX

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

VA DERS

Answer: Space invaders.

SUDOKU

				9		6		
	3		8	6			4	
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						4	7	
6	5						9	2
	2	3						
		5			8	7		4
	6			1	9		2	
		4		3				

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	9	1	6	8	2	4	7
1	2	7	3	4	9	6	8	5
8	4	6	5	2	7	1	9	3
6	1	4	2	8	3	5	7	9
7	5	8	4	9	1	3	2	6
2	9	3	6	7	5	4	1	8
4	7	1	9	3	6	8	5	2
3	8	5	7	1	2	9	6	4
9	6	2	8	5	4	7	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Document, in short
4 Library ref.
7 Bollywood's __ Bajpai
9 Not cloudy
12 Franklin Roosevelt's middle name
13 ___ firma : dry land or firm ground?
14 Offensive smell
15 Related on the father's side
17 Pas' mates
18 Before its time
20 To free from
21 Girl's name
22 Nutty or crazy
23 Good fortune
27 Smear
28 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram? (2,2)
29 A mixture of gases we breathe
30 Complete
32 Mineral spring
35 Coin as against paper money?
37 Embodiment or incarnation
39 Imperial decree from Russian
40 Incendiary liquid
41 Summoned by a beeper?
42 Food plans
43 Conversational stopgaps
44 Lightning Sensor Sys.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	C	C	■	R	O	A	R	■	N	A	S	T
O	U	I	■	A	N	U	P	■	E	R	E	I
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S	U	N	L	I	T	■	R	E	B	U	T	S
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■	■	■	V	E	N	O	M	■	G	L	A	D
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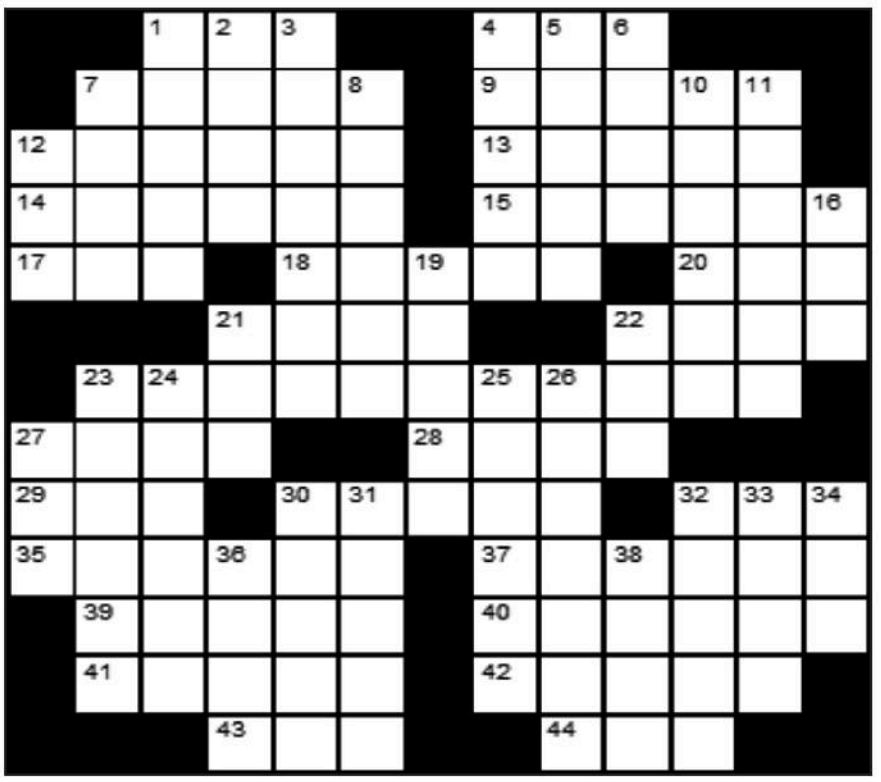
T	I	R	E	■	S	T	A	R	■	Y	E	S
A	X	E	D	■	C	E	R	O	■	E	Y	E

DOWN

1 Broad valleys
2 __ __ even keel : cruising serenely? (2,2)
3 Yield, give in or give up
4 Relating to a number system based on 'eight'
5 Mournful poem
6 Laura of "Jurassic Park"
7 Organic bonding position - "team" change?
8 Composer ___ Sebastian Bach
10 Famous mountain in E. Turkey
11 Confirm or accept by formal consent
12 Mil. award
16 Energy Design Technique, abbr.
19 Signal receiver
21 Make mistakes
22 Cease to live
23 Mistake (4-2)
24 Archimedes' cry of discovery?
25 Interior; up-country
26 Prove superior
27 Art graduates, abbr.
30 More sagacious
31 Takes notice
32 Numerical facts in short
33 Buddies
34 Branch or wing; weapon
36 Zoo enclosure
38 Mimics



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FVYXLG TJYL CTNGANCYLU ZTL OJUR ZU

GLALUUZTS HVT VCLTZRNGF Z WJUNGLUU ZU

ZTL RTJAMU, RSCLKTNRLTU VT RKNGL.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Terror (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Terror (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 3 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Gangs of UK (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Dacoit (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Love Mocktail 3 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Calendar (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Guardians (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422 4241800

Terror (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 6 pm; (S-3) 10.05 pm
Vaazha 2 - Biopic of Billion Bro (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Peter (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Nannu Karunakara (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm; (S-3) 1.10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm; (S-3) 4.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Drishyam 2 (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Calander (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Gangs of UK (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Dacoit (Te)	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

Calendar (K)	:	10.30 am
Gangs of UK (K)	:	10.50 am, 1.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11 am, 4.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	12.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	4.45 pm, 7.30 pm
Terror (K)	:	1.10 pm, 4 pm
Kaada (K)	:	1.45 pm
Peter (K)	:	3.50 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dacoit (Te)	:	9.30 am, 12.40 pm, 7 pm
Dacoit (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.50 am, 10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10.25 am, 12.50 pm
		5.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	2.20 pm
Peter (K)	:	11.25 am
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Goyang: Live Viewing (2026) (Korean)		
	:	3 pm, 7pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	4 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Terror (K)	:	4 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dacoit (Te)	:	9.35 am, 4 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10 am, 5.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	2.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.40 am, 7.20 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	11 am, 12.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Gangs of UK (K)	:	1.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	2.35 pm
Naanu Karunakara (K)	:	4.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 16)

- **Pali Institute, Kalaburagi:** Releasing of 5th volume of Pali Kannada Dictionary and handing over of dictionaries to PU Colleges, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion; Dr. Wooday P. Krishna, Honorary General Secretary, Seshadripuram Educational Institute, Bengaluru, release the volume, Dr. Shivaji Jois, Professor and Buddha Scholar, Mysuru, chief guest; Rahul M. Kharge, President, Pali Institute, presides; Dr. S. Shivarajappa, Retired Sanskrit Professor, speaks on the volume, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava-2026, flute recital by Vidu. Smitha Kiran, accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium, BSS Vidyodaya premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru:** 90th Year Sri Ramotsava, Hanumantotsava, Veda Gosha by Sri Venugopal & Sri Srinivasan and group, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar II Main Road, 16th Cross, **6 pm.**
- **Ashoka Youth Association, Krishnamurthypuram:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, cultural events, 'Milan Musical Celebrities Stars Night' event comprising Live in Concert by Alok, Shivani Naveen and Mimicry Shyam and a dance programme by Darshan Shrefa and troupe, Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle), **7 pm.**
- **Parivarthana Ranga Samaja:** Staging of play 'Suryana Kudure,' written by Dr. U.R. Ananthamurthy, stage adaptation by Satyanarayana Rao Anati and directed by Ravikumar (Kalaabrahma), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.** [Mob: 98451-11038]

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 17)

- **Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru:** Vid. Sri Gurushantha Mahaswamiji's 31st Punyaradhane, Achane, Abhisheka, Mahamangalarati and Jangamara Puja, **6 am;** Akkamahadevi Jayanti, Sri Chidananda Swamiji of Sri Hosmutt graces the occasion, ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju inaugurates, KSOU Akkamahadevi Research and Extension Chair delivers lecture, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, Vachana Gayana by Choodamani, **5 pm;** Staging of play 'Shivasharana Haralaiah' by students of Vatsalya B.Ed College, written by Sri V. Siddaramanna Sharanaru, directed by K.V. Rajashekaramurthy, Mysuru, **7 pm;** Prasada, Sri Hosmutt premises, **8 pm.**
- **JSS College for Women:** National Conference on 'Current Research and Innovations in Chemical Sciences (CRICS)-2026,' former Mysore University VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa inaugurates, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER) Dean (Research) Dr. Prashanth M. Vishwanath presides, College Development Council Director Prof. K. Mantelingu guest of honour, Principal Dr. Rechanna will be present, College premises, Saraswathipuram, **10.15 am.**
- **The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre and Rotary Club of Mysore Elite:** Talk on 'Stress Induced Physical Health Issues and Their Management' by Dr. T.S. Prasanna Venkatesh, Chief Physician at Sriranga Ayurveda Chikitsa Mandira, Mysuru and Secretary, Prakruthi Ayurveda Prathishtana; H.S. Suresh Babu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, Rtn. N.S. Mahadevaswamy, President, Rotary Club of Mysore Elite, will be present, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru:** 90th Year Sri Ramotsava, Shayanotsava, Goshti Gayana - Thyagaraja Pancharatna Keerthanegalu by Mysuru Senior and Junior Artistes, **6 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar II Main Road, 16th Cross, **8.30 pm.**
- **Ashoka Youth Association, Krishnamurthypuram:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, cultural events, live concert by singer Anuradha Bhat and troupe and musical programme by SED Dance Sing troupe, Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle), **7 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	9.45 am, 2.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	1.10 pm, 5.45 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	10 am, 1.15 pm, 6.50 pm 10.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	10 am, 4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.40 pm
Terror (K)	:	3.50 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	6.55 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 4.05 pm, 6.45, 10.20 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	9.50 am, 12.55 pm, 7.20, 10.30 pm
Kaada (K)	:	10.45 am
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	11.20 am, 5.35 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	1 pm, 10.10 pm
Calendar (K)	:	1.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	3.55 pm
Gangs of UK (K)	:	4.10 pm
Vazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	7 pm, 10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Admission to CAVA

Mysuru, Apr. 16- Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA) has invited online applications for admission to 4-year (8 semesters) BVA course for the academic year 2026-27.

Candidates with a pass in PUC or equivalent exams, can apply online through ***https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in*** OR ***cavamysore.karnataka.gov.in,*** before May 30.

From 3rd semester, students can opt specialisation in painting, sculpting, graphics, applied art, art history, photography and photojournalism. Dates of entrance examination and interview will be announced later. For details, call Ph: 0821-2438931, according to a press release.

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TODAY'S MATCH APRIL 16

MI Vs **PBKS**
Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH APRIL 17

GT Vs **KKR**
Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

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Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Qualification	Experience
1.	Net Work / System Administrator	BCA, B.Sc / M.Sc / B.E in Computer Science	3 to 5 years experience in Networking & System Administration to Manage the Campus Network, Systems, Management and IT related activities.

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VACANCY NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the following posts from the eligible candidates for Academic Year 2026-27

ROLES	QUALIFICATION	NO.OF POSTS
Principal	Post Graduate with B.Ed / M.Ed, Minimum 10-12 years experience in school administration.	1
Headmistress / Headmaster	Post Graduate with B.Ed / M.Ed, Minimum 3-5 years experience in school administration.	2
Academic / School Coordinator	Graduate / B.Ed with strong academic planning and coordination experience.	2
NURSERY SCHOOL		
Nursery Teacher	Any Degree with NTT / D.Ed / Montessori	3
Nursery Co-ordinator	Graduate with Montessori / ECCE	3
PRIMARY AND HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL		
PRIMARY TEACHER (English, Mathematics, EVS, Social Science, Hindi, Kannada)	B.A / B.Sc with D.Ed / B.Ed and minimum of 2 years of relevant experience.	6
Higher Primary Teacher (English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Hindi, Kannada)	Graduate with B.Ed and minimum of 2 years of relevant experience.	6
HIGH SCHOOL		
PGT (Post Graduate Teacher) (English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Hindi, Kannada)	Post Graduate with B.Ed and minimum of 2 years of relevant experience.	5
SPECIAL SUBJECTS		
COMPUTER TEACHER	BCA / MCA / B.Sc Computer Science with minimum of 2 years of relevant experience.	2
Physical Education Teacher (PET)	B.P.Ed / M.P.Ed with minimum of 2 years of relevant experience.	2
Art & Craft Teacher	Degree / Diploma in Fine Arts with minimum of 2 years of relevant experience.	1
Urdu Teacher	Graduate / Post Graduate in Urdu with B.Ed.	2
Islamic Studies Teacher	Graduate in Islamic Studies / Equivalent qualification	2
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT		
Accountant	B.Com / M.Com with Tally knowledge and minimum of 2-3 years of relevant experience.	1
Front Office Executive / Receptionist	Graduate with good communication & computer skills.	3
Office Assistant / Clerk / Supervisor	PUC / Graduate with basic computer knowledge and minimum of 2-3 years of relevant experience.	2
Attender / Helper / Ayah	Basic literacy preferred / SSLC.	5
Security Guard (Day and Night)	SSLC / PUC (Experienced candidates preferred).	2
School Bus Driver	Valid Driving License with relevant experience	1

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
- Candidates must have Basic Knowledge of Computer and Fluency in English without fail.
- Preference will be given to experienced candidates.
- Salary will be commensurate with qualification and experience.
- Interested candidates may apply with Xerox Copy of Certificates (Resume, Testimonials, Experience Letter) to Andalus Office on or **before 22nd APRIL, 2026**